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1. SUMMARY: VISIT OF SECRETARY WAS GIVEN SECOND PLAY ON FRONT PAGES IN LEADING CAIRO DAILIES NEXT TO SADAT'S EXPLANATION (IN INTERVIEW WITH BEIRUT WEEKLY "AL USBUA AL ARABA") OF DISMISSAL OF FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF SHAZLY AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING EGYPT'S ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER WAR CEASEFIRE. ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OF INJECTING NEW IMPETUS INTO STALLED GENEVA PEACE TALKS AND MOVING TOWARD AN OVERALL NICE PIECEMEAL SETTLEMENT TO THE AREA'S PROBLEMS. THESE POINTS EXPRESSED ALONG-SIDE CAUTION AGAINST EXPECTING DRAMATIC RESULTS FROM SIXTH KISSINGER VISIT.

2. UNDER FIVE-COLUMN FRONTPAGE HEADLINES, INFLUENTIAL DAILY AL-AHRAM REPORTED KISSINGER TO MEET WITH SADAT TONIGHT "TO FORMULATE MOVEMENT AIMED AT FULL SOLUTION TO
MIDDLE EAST CRISES." ELABORATING ON THIS POINT, STORY SAID, "KISSINGER MISSION IN THE AREA THIS TIME IS TO CONCENTRATE
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ON FORMULATING ON OVERALL PICTURE ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION

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#242 WHICH DEFINES THE BASIS FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST." AL-AHRAM'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
SUMMARIZED CAIRO STAND AS SEEKING (1) JOINT US-USSR ACTION
TO SETTLE CRISIS FULLY: (2) NECESSITY TO HOLD GENEVA
CONFERENCE SOONEST; (3) ACTION ON POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC
AND MILITARY FRONTS "IF NECESSARY" TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITH-
DRAW "FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES (SINAI, GOLAN HEIGHTS, WEST
BANK, JERUSALEM)," AND (4) PLO PARTICIPATION AS PALESTINIAN
PEOPLES'S REPRESENTATIVE IN AN ME SETTLEMENT.

3. AL-AKHBAR'S TWO-COLUMN FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTED THAT, IN
HIS SIXTH ME TRIP TO THE AREA, KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS "NEST
STEP IN ME SETTLEMENT AND OIL PRICES." PAPER QUOTED UN-
IDENTIFIED WIRE SERVICES STATING THAT "CHANCES FOR ACHIEV-
ING IMPORTANT PROGRESS DURING TRIP SEEM SLIGHT."

4. AL-GOMHOURIYA FRONTPAGED UNDER TWO COLUMN HEADLINE
THAT KISSINGER-SADAT TALKS WILL COVER "ESSENCE OF ME
PROBLEM AND FORMULATION OF SOLUTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED
ON ALL ARAB FRONTS AS WELL AS TIMETABLE FOR MOVEMENT IN
THIS DIRECTION AND FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE." BASIS OF TALKS,
PAPER ADDED, ARE (1) FULL IRRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES (2) SPEEDING UP GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH WILL "DISCUSS
FULL ME PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION #338" AND (3)
SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE PROBLEM ON BASIS OF PALESTINIANS' POLITICAL
RIGHTS TO HOMELAND AND THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION IN FINAL SETTLEMENT
AT
GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. CAIRO PRESS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO EGYPTIAN FONMIN
FAHMY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOLLOWING TALKS WITH U.S.
OFFICIALS. BOTH AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA REPORTED FAHMY'S
CITATION OF U.NPMX INTEREST IN PALESTINE QUESTION. AL-AHRAM
QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT HE EXPECTS THAT U.N. WOU D ISSUE
ON OCTOBER 15 AN "UNPRECENDENTED MAJORITY RESOLUTION"
CALLING FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IO DELIBERATIONS." AL-
GOMHOURIYA QUOTED FAHMY'S VIEW THAT NROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED
BY 67 U. N. MEMBERS TO ALLOW PLO TO JOIN DISCUSSION IN A
"DEFINITE AND HISTORICAL SUCCESS FOR THE PALESTINIAN QUESION."
ALL PAPERS QUOTED FAHMY'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC
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FOLLOWING RECENT TALKS WITH KISSINGER. Y
T IN SLIGHTLY
VARYING TONES, PRESS REFERHED TO HIS EXPRESSED CAUTION THAT
QUICK ME SETTLEMENT SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED AS A RESULT
OF KISSINGER'S THREE-DAY ME TRIP.

6. EDITORIALLY, AL-AHRAM SAID KISSINHER'S VISIT COIOCIDED
WITH "MUCH EVIDENCE THAT MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD S

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TTLEMENT
IS A MUST IN ORDER TO AVOID FAR-REACHING COMPLIMATIONS
WHICH WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE AREA."

7. "THROUGH IT PAYS ATTNETION TO PEAME PROSPECTS AND U.S.
ROLE, EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP IS MORE CONCERNED WITH REJECTING
A FREE
ING OF THE SITUATION," AL-GOMHOURIAY EDITORIALIZED.
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